

Whereas, they have humbly and faithfully provided invaluable services to those less fortunate, embodying the true spirit of William Booth, the founder of the Salvation Army; and

Whereas, their success has been made possible only through the generosity of spirit that prods one to give generously to their neighbor; and,

I invite my colleagues to join with me and the citizens of Ohio in celebration and commemoration of the Cambridge Salvation Army's generous gift of one hundred years of service to the people of this city.

HONORING DR. DEANE AND SUSAN PENN

HON. STEVEN R. ROTHMAN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 24, 2001

Mr. ROTHMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a couple who have been great friends to the Jewish community of Bergen County, New Jersey, as well as personal friends of mine for many years. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Dr. Deane and Susan Penn of Alpine, New Jersey, this year's winners of the Anti-Defamation League's Torch of Liberty Award.

Those who are fortunate enough to know Susan and Deane know the depth of their dedication to the community and helping others. I would like to discuss some of their many contributions to the community.

Susan Penn brings a combination of warmth, intelligence, and drive to every project she undertakes; and there are many. She is a Vice President of the UJA Federation of Bergen County & North Hudson, and holds a number of other positions within the Federation. Susan is also deeply committed to the JCC on the Palisades, and is a member of its Board of Trustees. She has also held leadership positions in secular and Jewish educational institutes as well as community groups, too numerous to mention.

Dr. Deane Penn is a highly respected physician who has served as the President of the medical staff at Holy Name Hospital in Teaneck, New Jersey. Yet his thriving medical career has never stopped him from devoting his considerable talents to working in our community. He is a Trustee of the Jewish Home in Rockleigh, New Jersey and is a member of the Physician's Cabinet of the UJA Federation.

The Penns are also both avid tennis players and competitors. And they are sharing their love of that sport, and the Jewish people, by co-chairing the National Masters Tennis Team for the 16th World Maccabiah Games in Israel.

People who give so much of themselves as Dr. Deane and Susan Penn do not do so for the recognition. However, they certainly deserve to receive it.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to congratulate Dr. Deane and Susan Penn as well as their children Jonathan and Stacey on the occasion of this well deserved tribute from the Anti-Defamation League, and wish them health and happiness in the years to come.

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

SMALL BUSINESS INTEREST CHECKING ACT OF 2001

SPEECH OF

HON. MICHAEL G. OXLEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 3, 2001

Mr. OXLEY. Mr. Speaker, it has come to my attention that some language intended to be included in the report to accompany H.R. 974, the Small Business Interest Checking Act of 2001 (H. Rept. 107-38) was inadvertently omitted when the report was filed. The paragraph beginning on page 19 and ending on page 20 of that report, explaining section 7 of the legislation, should read as follows:

This section provides that nothing in the bill is to be construed as creating any presumption or implication that, in the case of an escrow account maintained at a depository institution in connection with a real estate transaction, the absorption of expenses incidental to a normal banking function, or the forbearance of any fee in connection with the same, or the receipt of any benefits thereof by the holder or the beneficiary of that escrow account, may be treated as the payment or receipt of interest for purposes of Public Law 93-100, the Federal Reserve Act, the Home Owner's Loan Act, or the Federal Deposit Insurance Act. The Committee intends that this provision clarify that the current treatment of such transactions under Federal law and regulation, particularly the regulations of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve DD and Q, is unaffected by this legislation. Current law does not treat the provision of the services and benefits described by this section as the payment or receipt of interest to or by the holder or beneficiary of an escrow account, and that presumption will remain the law upon the enactment of this bill.

This language clarifies the intent of the Committee with respect to this provision, and corrects the omission in the printed report.

REGARDING HUMAN RIGHTS IN CUBA

HON. JOE SCARBOROUGH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 24, 2001

Mr. SCARBOROUGH. Mr. Speaker, I join my colleagues in condemning the repressive and totalitarian actions of the government of Cuba against the Cuban people. I fully support H. Res. 91 and join with the sense of the House of Representatives that the President should work toward a policy of directly assisting the Cuban people, strengthening the forces of change, and improving human rights within Cuba.

Since Fidel Castro led the Cuban Revolution in 1959, the Cuban government has severely repressed its citizens. Cuba barely survives as one of the last hard-line Communist states anywhere in the world, and unfortunately continues its abysmal human rights record to this day. Following the Soviet Union's collapse and the decline of its role as Soviet satellite, Cuba experienced severe economic deterioration

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from 1989 to 1993. Despite limited reforms implemented in 1994, economic and social conditions there have not significantly improved. We must press for more.

The Castro regime violates all the Cuban people's fundamental civil and political rights, denying its citizens the freedoms we Americans hold most sacred. In Cuba, there is no such thing as freedom of assembly, freedom of press, freedom of speech, or freedom of religion. In law and in practice, the Castro regime suppresses all opposition and dissent, and controls and monitors religious institutions. In addition, Cuba's government regularly denies workers' rights and routinely prevents international human rights monitors from accessing the country.

The United States' objective for Cuba is to bring democracy and respect for human rights to our island neighbor. We must continue a policy that keeps maximum pressure on the Cuban government until reforms are enacted, but we must not forget the Cuban people who are unconscionably forced to live without the most basic freedoms. Nobody deserves to live and die at the hands of communism. Fortunately, through our persistence and steadfast knowledge that the United States is morally right, Mr. Speaker, I assure you ultimately freedom will prevail.

A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING DAVID M. BLAGG

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 24, 2001

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, I commend the following article to my colleagues:

Whereas, David Blagg is the recipient of the distinct honor of promotion in the United States Army; and,

Whereas, David Blagg's dedication to the United States Armed services is recognized in his advancement from Sergeant to Staff Sergeant; and

Whereas, David Blagg's distinguished career began three years ago as Private First Class of Fort Bragg, N.C. and now holds a position at the White House Communications Agency in Washington, DC; and,

Whereas, on Thursday, April 5, 2001, the Honorable David L. Hobson of the great state of Ohio will promote Sergeant Blagg to the rank of Staff Sergeant; and

Whereas, the citizens of the United States and the citizens of Ohio, with a real sense of pleasure, join me in congratulating Staff Sergeant David Blagg on this proud day of recognition.

IN HONOR OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY JUNIOR LEAGUE MOVEMENT

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 24, 2001

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Junior League